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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN OUR NATION'S
MILITARY SERVICE BY COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2005.**

WHEREAS, the preservation of basic freedoms and world peace has always
been a valued objective of this great country; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American men and women have selflessly sacrificed
their lives for that greater purpose; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5 1868 by General
John Logan, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate
soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery and he spoke so eloquently "that we should
guard their graves with sacred vigilance . . . let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to
the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of
a free and undivided republic"; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, the poem "In Flanders Fields" inspired the famous verse by
Moina Michael - "We cherish too, the Poppy red That grows on fields where valor led, It
seems to signal to the skies, That blood of heroes never dies"; and

WHEREAS, in 1922 the VFW became the first veteran's organization to
nationally sell poppies and later begin their "Buddy Poppy Program" for disabled
veterans ; and

WHEREAS, Congress officially recognized the last Monday of May as Memorial
Day with the National Holiday Act of 1971.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That this body recognizes May 30, 2005 as *Memorial Day* and recognizes that
the true meaning of the observance of this day is to honor those who have died,
and a time when all Americans should come together in unity to appropriately
remember American heroes by honoring them in silence, in words, with poppies
and graveside flowers, attendance at commemorations, and in all ways with
solemn, respectful remembrance.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of
May, 2005.

Anna L. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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